

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

~~Scanning means is provided to acquire~~ MRI echo data is acquired by performing selective-excitation on regions composed of multi-slices of an object, while the object is moved continuously. ~~This scanning means includes position moving means for moving the~~ The positions of the multi-slices are moved within a predetermined imaging range fixedly determined by an MRI system, according to aobject ~~movement of the object~~. This allows ~~the~~ positions of the multi-slices to be changed in compliance with the moved object, so that the multi-slices positionally track with the object within the imaging range. Accordingly, a multi-slice imaging technique can be provided, which is executable during ~~a~~ even continuous movement of the object.